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REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank Examiner George for the courtesy of a telephone interview following the office action. During the telephone interview, draft claims submitted by the undersigned were briefly discussed and agreement was reached as to allowability of the claims now in the case.

The rejection of claims 1 to 3 in the office action has been overcome by canceling these claims. Newly added claims are generally in the same format as the allowed claim 4 and were approved by Examiner George during the telephone interview.

It is submitted that this case is in condition for allowance and same is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason that is not the case, Examiner George is requested to contact the undersigned directly by telephone to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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